

Long Urges Probe of Mail Interception

Sen. Edward V. Long (D-Mo.) said yesterday that the U.S. Attorney General should be asked to investigate charges that the retired solicitor of the Patent Office intercepted and answered mail addressed to a private company.

Long, chairman of the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on administrative practice and procedure, complained in a letter to Commerce Secretary John T. Connor that C. W. Moore "was permitted to retire (as solicitor) with no action being taken whatever.

"Because of the seriousness of Mr. Moore's . . . actions," Long continued, "it would seem logical that this matter be referred to the Attorney General of the United States."

At a hearing of Long's subcommittee Tuesday, Moore was accused by attorney Louis Grossman of intercepting and answering mail addressed to H. Lawrence Blasius's Washington Patent Office Search Bureau.

Post Office officials, meantime, denied they routed mail addressed to Blasius's firm to the Patent Office. Washington Postmaster Carlton Beal said his office never issued such an order.